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National HIV Testing Day

June 27, 2010 is National HIV Testing Day. National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) is an annual campaign coordinated by the National Association of People with AIDS to encourage people of all ages to *"Take the Test, Take Control."*

Early HIV diagnosis is critical, so people who are infected can fully benefit from available life-saving treatments. Currently, almost 40 percent of people with HIV are not diagnosed until they already have developed AIDS. That can be up to 10 years after they first became infected with HIV. Finding out whether you are infected with HIV is the first step to improving your health, the health of your partners, and of your family.

For information on HIV programs, visit the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health website at: <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dph/>.

For help locating an HIV test site near you, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National HIV and STD Testing Resources website at: http://www.hivtest.org/press_files/default.cfm.

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